

**IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS
TYLER DIVISION**

**LADARION HUGHES, ANGELA
ALONZO, and DEMARCUS LIVELY,**

Plaintiffs,

v.

SMITH COUNTY, TEXAS,

Defendant.

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Civil Action No. 6:23-cv-344

JOINT MOTION FOR REFERRAL TO A MAGISTRATE JUDGE AS MEDIATOR

TO THE HONORABLE JUDGE OF SAID COURT:

COME NOW the Parties in the above-styled and numbered cause and file this their Joint Motion for Referral to a Magistrate Judge as Mediator, and would respectfully show unto this Court as follows:

Pursuant to the Court's Scheduling Order [#12], the Parties have agreed that mediation in this case should be conducted by United States Magistrate Judge K. Nicole Mitchell. The Parties have contacted Judge Mitchell's chambers and have tentatively selected February 7, 2024, as the settlement conference date. Defendant Smith County must, however, confirm that all necessary County representatives are available to attend the settlement conference on this date. The Parties will finalize the settlement conference date by November 30, 2024, and notify this Court if a different day is selected. The Parties therefore respectfully request that this Court appoint United States Magistrate Judge K. Nicole Mitchell to serve as the mediator in this case.

WHEREFORE, premises considered, the Parties respectfully request that this Court appoint United States Magistrate Judge K. Nicole Mitchell to serve as mediator.

Date: November 14, 2023

Respectfully Submitted,

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